

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CORONA VILLEGAS *et al.*

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**For: Recombinant Immunogens for the
Generation of Antivenoms to the
Venom of Scorpions of the Genus
Centruroides**

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

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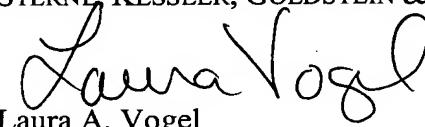
In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated **June 29, 2005**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1, 3, 31 and 32. The nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ. ID. NO. 115, found in claim 3, represents an exemplary sequence for the examination of Group I. All of the sequences recited in the claims of Group I were isolated from scorpions of the genus *Centruroides* and share the same Cysteine-Stabilized α/β structural motif, which is comprised of two disulfide bridges covalently linking a segment of an α -helix with one strand of a β -sheet structure. This election is made without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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